



BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Mayor

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Police Commissioner

TO: The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400 City Hall
Attn. Karen Randle

FROM: ^{JHG} James H. Green, Director Government Affairs
Baltimore Police Department

RE: City Council Bill No. 13-0239-Ticket Sales-Consumer Protections

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill No. 13-0239-Ticket Sales-Consumer Protections. The proposed legislation would completely modify several provisions of the Code relating to service charges on the sale of tickets for admission to certain events. It is also the Department understanding that there are amendments proposed that delete the scalping prohibition and modify the criminal penalties.

Because the Department's role is limited to enforcement, it is important to note scalping laws are extremely difficult to enforce and require a large resource allocation. The BPD has only had limited success in previous enforcement efforts due to various ways that tickets are sold. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

